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FM AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJ: DJIJIGA CAMPAIGN LOSSES HEAVY FOR BOTH SIDES

- 1. REFUGEES FROM DJIJIGA FIGHTING AREA REPORT HEAVY LOSSES BOTH CONTENDERS. THEY ALL INSIST THAT DJIJIGA NOW IN HANDS SOMALI-BACKED FORCES. ALL BRIDGES CONNECTING DIRE DAWA, HARAR AND DJIJIGA CUT IN ORDER IMPEDE COUNTERATTACK. BATTLES IN AREA STILL PROCEEDING. SOMALI SYMPATHIZERS REPORT 4000 CASUALTIES ON SOMALI SIDE AND SPEAK OF 30,000 AMONG ETHIOPIANS.
- 2. TWENTY-NINE TRUCK CONVOY LEFT DJIBOUTI FOR ADDIS ABABA NIGHT FOUR SEPTEMBER. IT WAS ESCORTED TO BORDER BY DJIBOUTI FORCES IN ORDER PREVENT MISCHIEF ON DJIBOUTI TERRITORY BY ALI MIRAH IRREGUUNCLASSIFIED

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LARS KNOWN TO BE OPERATING IN AREA NORTH OF DJIBOUTI.

3. ETHIOPIAN ARMY ACTIVITY ON ASSAB - ADDIS ABABA HIGHWAY AP-PARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO ALI MIRAH/ERITREAN THREATS HAS ALSO CAUSED CONCERN HERE. JOINT DJIBOUTI/FRENCH MILITARY EXERCISE IN BORDER ZONE NOW IN OPERATION AS DEMONSTRATION ABILITY DJIBOUTI DEFEND FRONTIERS.CLARKE UNCLASSIFIED

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